

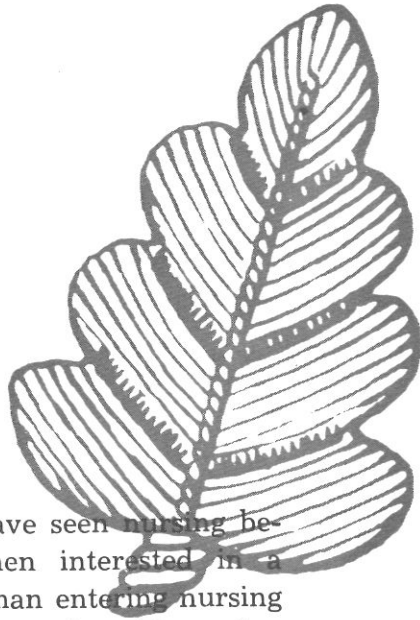


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Nurse Corps, U. S. Navy



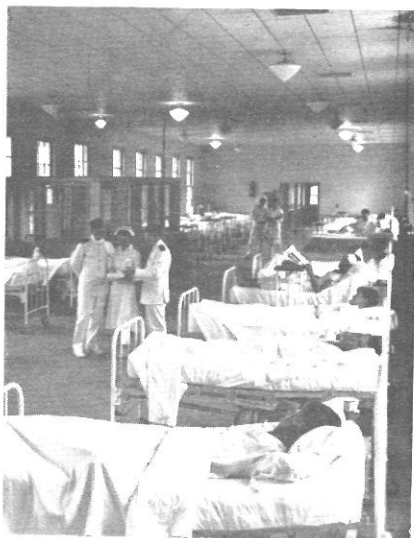


Looking back over the years, I have seen nursing become increasingly attractive to women interested in a worthwhile profession. The young woman entering nursing today provides herself with opportunities for rich professional and personal rewards - - - endowment of a full life.

A member of the Navy Nurse Corps enjoys the benefits of a career in Nursing comparable to any found in civilian life - - - meanwhile contributing to the maintenance of high professional standards of present-day military nursing.

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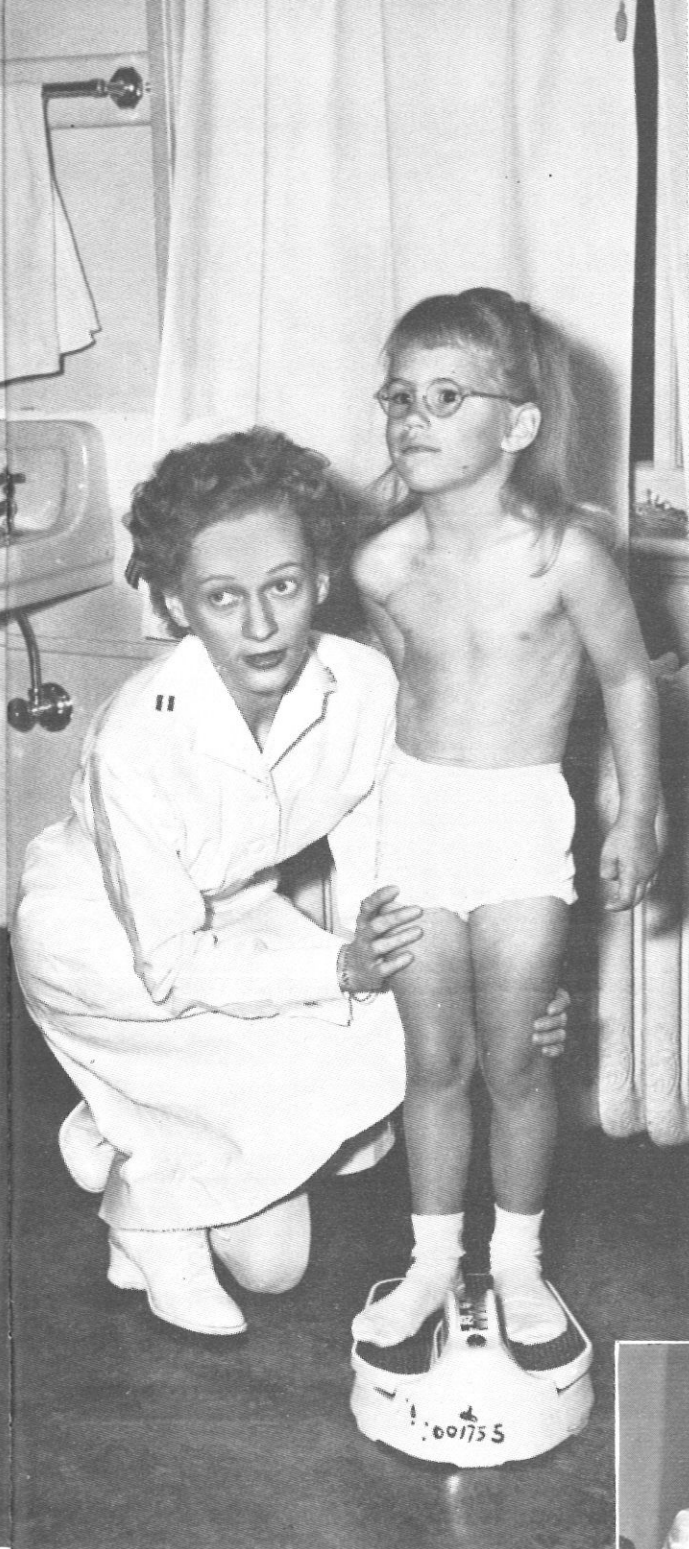
Navy Nurses serve in these hospitals:

Annapolis, Maryland
Bainbridge, Maryland
Beaufort, South Carolina
Bethesda, Maryland
Bremerton, Washington
Camp Lejeune, N. Carolina

Charleston, S. Carolina
Chelsea, Massachusetts
Coco Solo, Canal Zone
Corpus Christi, Texas
Great Lakes, Illinois
Guam, M. I.

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba
Honolulu, T. H.
Jacksonville, Florida
Key West, Florida
Mare Island, California

Memphis, Tennessee
Newport, Rhode Island
Oakland, California
Oceanside, California
Pensacola, Florida
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



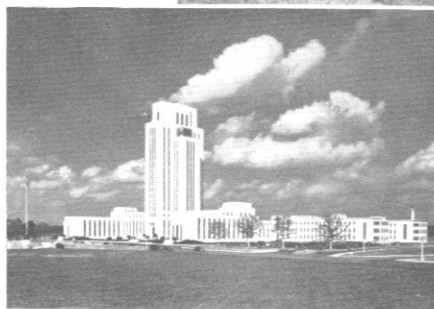
Portsmouth, New Hampshire
 Portsmouth, Virginia
 Quantico, Virginia
 San Diego, California
 St. Albans, New York
 Yokosuka, Japan



*"...and will devote myself
 to the welfare of those
 in my care!"*

Our work is as varied as the field of medicine itself. At all Navy hospitals, dispensaries, stations — wherever they are — our activity centers around the PATIENT. We provide all types of nursing care for the men and women of the Navy and their families.





DIVERSITY IN PRACTICE





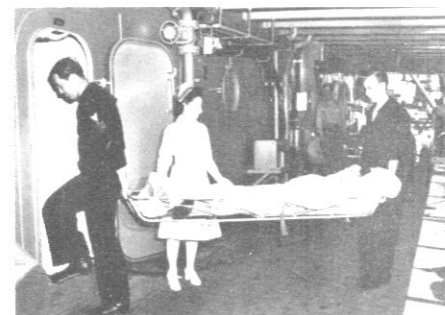
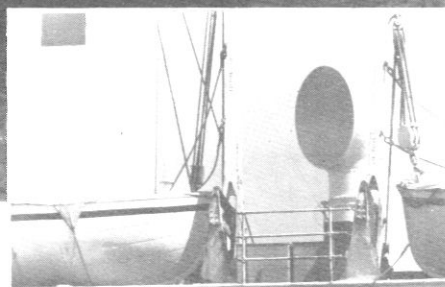
BROADENS OUR HORIZONS

"Where" Navy nurses serve presents almost as wide a range as "how" they serve. A majority are assigned to the 22 naval hospitals and innumerable medical facilities within the United States. But Navy nurses also accompany the units of Navy to the far-flung areas of the world.

Well equipped hospital ships and Navy transports move across the oceans, putting into major world ports, transferring patients from fleet units at sea, carrying dependents to and from foreign duty stations. Nurses are aboard all of these ships.

Within the past decade, the flight nurse has made her appearance in the Navy. Spanning the skies in swift litter planes, the Navy flight nurse ministers to her hospital-bound patients as efficiently as if she were on the ground.

In Hawaii, in the colorful islands of the Pacific or the Caribbean, Navy hospitals offer unusual opportunities for Navy nurses to combine stimulating work with interesting travel.



WE NEVER STOP LEARNING

The newly commissioned Nurse Corps officer attends an indoctrination course of instruction usually given at one of the larger naval hospitals. This prepares her for effective application of nursing in military surroundings and familiarizes her with Navy customs, rules and regulations. This six to eight weeks course gives the nurse time for gradual adjustments to her new environment and to become acquainted with her associates.

She has ample opportunity to further her nursing career and keep abreast of changes in the nursing profession throughout her Navy duty. Naval hospitals are well-equipped and utilize the latest professional techniques, in keeping with constant advancement in the medical profession. The larger naval hospitals maintain lecture series in which the nurse may participate, and refresher courses at the specialty hospitals are part of the in-training pro-

gram available. Many naval hospitals are located near colleges and universities offering curricula in advanced nursing education. Nurses are encouraged to augment their educational qualifications by taking advantage of all such opportunities during their tour of duty at these stations.

The Nurse Corps' educational program is designed to provide the career nurse in the Navy with opportunities for improving her professional qualifications through advanced graduate study at outstanding universities. These courses are awarded on merit, to the end that nurses with first-rate abilities may be given the opportunity to develop to their fullest potentiality. When nurses are ordered to special postgraduate instruction, the Navy pays tuition expenses. The nurses so educated are expected to assume the professional leadership in the Navy Nurse Corps.

...OR TEACHING

As part of our primary responsibilities, we pass along our training and experience to others. Teaching is an important phase of the Nurse Corps program and nurses with special interests and talents in this field find interesting assignments instructing others in the fundamentals of nursing.

Navy nurses are also assigned to the Navy's hospital corps training schools where Navy corpsmen and Waves are instructed in the rudiments of nursing.

As part of America's stewardship of its islands, held in trust and sovereignty, the Navy has established nursing schools for native



nurses on Guam and Samoa. In these schools, Navy nurses have set up and carry on a comprehensive training program. (Assignment as a teacher in one of these schools is an interesting, sought-after duty.)

In addition, the Navy frequently assigns nurses to special missions in foreign countries for varying periods of time. Here also is an opportunity for unusual experience.

Nurses trained and experienced in public health have aided in the organization of public health nursing services, both in the United States and abroad.





Typical of the hundreds of nurses who report for duty each year, these three new Navy nurses are ready to share exciting, busy days . . .





... Taking their oath as an officer of the U. S. Navy ...



... Getting measured for uniforms ...

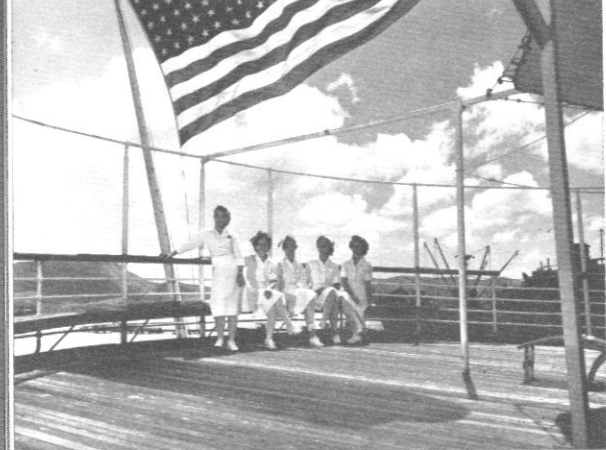
COMING ABOARD



... Ready for duty.

... Relaxing in the pools and tennis courts on the station...

... Sampling the social activities that are a part of all Navy life ...



TRAVEL, RECREATION, FUN & FRIENDSHIPS

Like elsewhere, nursing in the Navy is hard work. But Navy nurses enjoy many compensations that are hard to match in civilian practice. We usually live on or near a naval installation, where recreation and off-duty facilities are of the best. Swimming pools, tennis courts and similar playtime activities are normally found in our own backyards. Naval officer clubs and nurse quarters offer wide social advantages — dances, games, card and reading rooms, excellent library facilities, comfortable lounges and movies.

By the very nature of our work, we enjoy

unique travel advantages. Our assignments carry us all over the world, permitting time for sight-seeing and for studying the customs of other countries. Hospital and transport ships aboard which we serve visit major ports from Argentina to Manila, from Yokosuku to Pensacola. At every stop, we can arrange sight-seeing and souvenir hunting tours which bring us home seasoned world travelers, with experience seldom equalled in any other field of work and with a store of widely gathered knowledge.





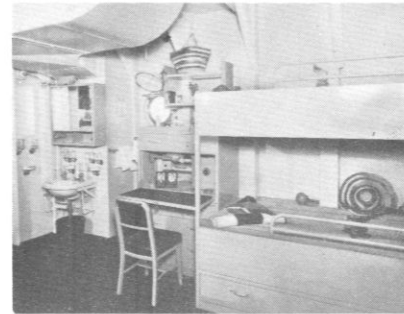
OUR NAVY HOME...

ON LAND





AT SEA





SO PROUDLY WE HAIL

Although the Nurse Corps, United States Navy, did not come into official being until 1908, its origin actually dates to 1898 and the Spanish American War. Then, a group of trained nurses were employed at the Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va., to care for the sick and wounded. They were neither enrolled nor enlisted, nor were they sure of being paid. A verbal agreement was made that they should be reimbursed for travel and work if means could be found. Later, they were paid from a fund not appropriated by Congress.

On May 13, 1908, President Taft signed the bill establishing the Nurse Corps as an integral part of the Navy. The initial personnel consisted of a superintendent, a chief nurse and 18 nurses. Assigned to the Naval Medical School Hospital in Washington, D. C., the group without quarters, promptly rented a house and opened their own mess.

From these "Sacred Twenty", the Navy Nurse Corps reached a World War II peak of 11,054 trained, commissioned nurses on active duty throughout the world.

As the small Corps expanded numerically, it extended itself geographically. Soon, Navy



nurses were serving in Annapolis, Md., Brooklyn, N. Y., Mare Island, Calif., and other naval hospitals. In 1910, the Navy sent its first nurses to the Philippines; soon after to Guam, Honolulu, Yokohama, the Virgin Islands, Haiti and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

In World War I, Navy nurses were assigned to hospitals in England, Ireland, Scotland and the coast of France. Four were awarded the Navy Cross for outstanding service. Two others received the Army citation for "special, meritorious, and conspicuous service".

With the coming of peace, the Navy Nurse Corps turned to the task of advancing itself

professionally, of extending its services into many additional areas and fields. Into American dependencies, at scattered naval bases, aboard the ships of the American fleet, Navy nurses moved, caring for the men and aiding in public health programs conducted by the medical department.

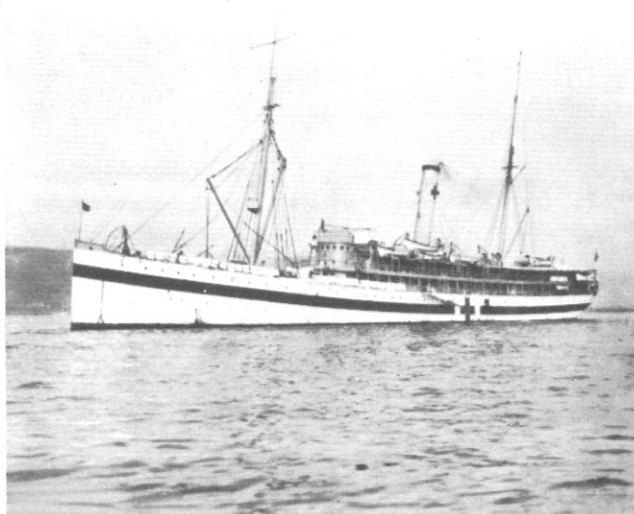
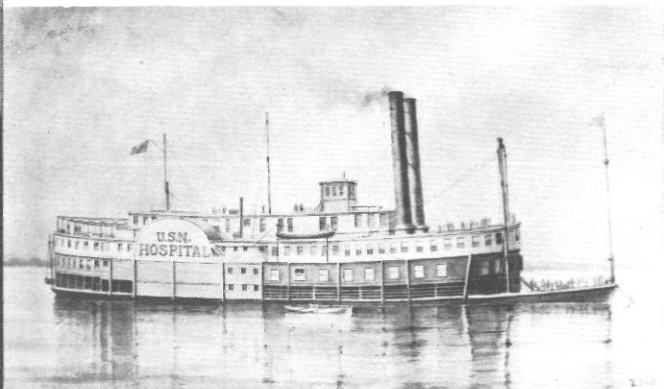
Throughout the fighting of World War II, Navy nurses performed valiantly, heroically, their professional skill complementing their personal kindness in providing a rallying point for the morale of allied troops.

Five nurses were captured on Guam, but were repatriated after six months internment in Japan. Eleven more captured in the Philippines, spent 37 months as Japanese prisoners. All during imprisonment, these courageous women cared for the sick and wounded in the internment camp, working under tremendous difficulties.

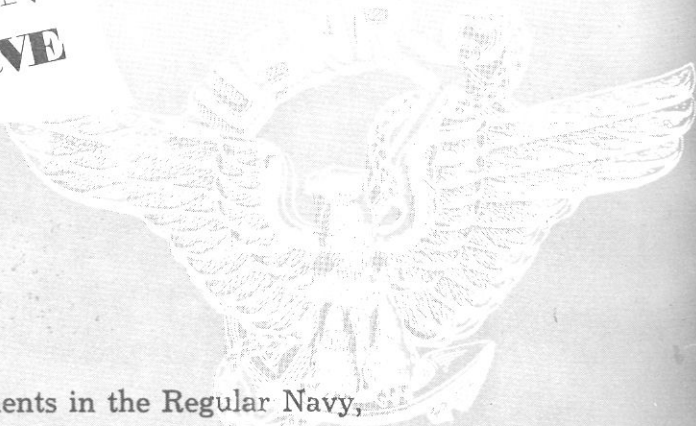
As Admiral Halsey said, "They magnificently upheld highest traditions of U. S. Naval Service".

In 1947, the Navy Nurse Corps achieved its present status as a separate Corps under the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Navy nurses enjoy a regular, assured income . . . they share in the Navy's broad retirement program . . . they are entitled to such benefits as paid vacations, free medical care . . . all in all, they work with the same sense of security as do all men and women of the United States Navy.



OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NAVAL RESERVE



In addition to career assignments in the Regular Navy, the Nurse Corps also offers a number of officer commissions in the Naval Reserve. Nurses joining the Reserve Corps are not obligated for active duty except in periods of national emergency. The Reserve Corps enables a nurse to retain her position in a civilian hospital and still keep abreast of the latest developments in military medicine.

If, as a reserve officer, a nurse desires to serve a period of active duty in a naval hospital, she enjoys all the privileges and pay of Regular Navy nurses. She may apply for whatever type of duty she is best qualified and most desires.

Membership in the Reserve Corps entitles a nurse to benefits, correspondence and home-study training, and the same promotion opportunity as other officers in the Reserve Corps.

In other words, a nurse in the Naval Reserve merely reserves for herself an assignment of real usefulness in times of national emergency.

QUALIFICATIONS

To become a Navy nurse, and a commissioned officer in the United States Navy, a nurse must be:

- ★ An American citizen
- ★ Unmarried
- ★ Between 21 and 29 years old
- ★ A registered nurse
- ★ Graduate of a recognized school of nursing
- ★ Able to meet physical, mental and moral standards for naval officers.

HOW TO JOIN

Complete information on how to join the Navy Nurse Corps, and application forms, may be obtained at any Office of Naval Officer Procurement. These are located in the 17 cities listed below. If none of these is convenient to your home, write to the Navy Nurse Corps, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Navy Department, Washington 25, D. C.

BOSTON, New Court House and P. O. Bldg.	MACON, Post Office Bldg.
CHICAGO, 844 No. Rush St.	MINNEAPOLIS, . . . Federal Office Bldg.
CINCINNATI, . . P. O. & Court House Bldg.	NEW ORLEANS, . . . U. S. Customs House
DALLAS, 1114 Commerce St.	NEW YORK, 346 Broadway
DENVER, U. S. Customs House	PHILADELPHIA, 13 S. 13th St.
DETROIT, New Federal Bldg.	PITTSBURGH, Old Federal Bldg.
KANSAS CITY, U. S. Court House	SAN FRANCISCO, . . Federal Office Bldg.
LOS ANGELES, . . . 751 So. Figueroa St.	SEATTLE, 110 Union St.
WASHINGTON, D. C., 1400 Penn. Ave., N. W.	

